

REMARKS

By this Amendment claim 18 has been amended to better define the intended subject matter and also overcome the examiner's formality rejection. Entry is requested.

The inventors thank the examiner for his indication of allowability of claim 31.

The examiner has rejected claims 17-22, 26 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Parisi et al., he has rejected claims 17, 18, 22, 24, 25 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chapman, and he has rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parisi et al.

The inventors assert that these rejections must be withdrawn.

Parisi et al. disclose an automobile air conditioning fan assembly which includes an impeller that includes a central hub 12, and annular rim 22, and blades 18. However, contrary to the examiner's assertion, the blades do not have an inner section displaying a three-dimensional curvature. All figures (e.g., Fig. 2) show the blades as being completely straight in an axial direction!

Chapman disclose a high efficiency one-piece centrifugal blower having an impeller with a hub 11, blades 12 and shroud 13. However, contrary to the examiner's assertion, the figures of Chapman do not show the blades as having a three-dimensional inner section and a two-dimensional outer section!

The examiner's rejections based on Parisi et al. and Chapman
should be withdrawn.

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